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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SPARTANBURG DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

v.

RALPH C. MEDLEY; CLYDE MEDLEY, GRACE MEDLEY AND BARRY MEDLEY, INDIVIDUALLY AND d/b/a MEDLEY'S CONCRETE WORKS; MILLIKEN & COMPANY; UNISPHERE CHEMICAL CORPORATION; NATIONAL STARCH AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION.

Defendants.

MILLIKEN & COMPANY,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

v.

ABCO INDUSTRIES, INC.; BASF CORPORATION; ETHOX CHEMICALS, INC.; POLYMER INDUSTRIES, A DIVISION OF MORTON-THIOKOL, INC.; TANNER CHEMICAL COMPANY, AND CHAS. S. TANNER COMPANY.

Third-Party Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:86-252-3

THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT TANNER CHEMICAL COMPANY'S
ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO MILLIKEN & COMPANY'S
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
Tanner Chemical Company (hereinafter "Tanner") hereby submits its

answers and objections to Milliken & Company's interrogatories. Tanner reserves all proper objections to the materiality and relevancy of the information provided. Where applicable, Tanner has taken the liberty of changing the dates covered by the interrogatories and requests for production to reflect agreement reached between the parties.

ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY

1. Identify the name and location of your branches or facilities which had business dealings with any of the following: Ralph Medley, Clyde Medley, Barry Medley, Grace Medley, Medley Concrete Works and Piedmont Industrial Services.

ANSWER

1. Tanner Chemical Company, Inc., located at Furman Hall Court, Post Office Box 1967, Greenville, South Carolina 29602 (803) 232-3893, has transacted with the above-named defendants.

INTERROGATORY

2. If you failed to identify any branches or facilities in your answer to Interrogatory No. 1, identify all of your branches or facilities which between 1973 and 1976 were located within 150 miles of this site, including branches or facilities previously sold or transferred by you or subsequently acquired.

ANSWER

2. Interrogatory No. 2 is inapplicable because Tanner operates no other branches or facilities.

INTERROGATORY

- 3. Identify the names of all persons who have knowledge of:
 - A. Your waste disposal practices during the years 1973 to 1976.
 - B. Your business dealings (including waste disposal) relating to Ralph Medley, Clyde Medley, Barry Medley, Grace Medley, Medley Concrete Works, and Piedmont Industrial Services.

ANSWER

- 3. A. The following persons have knowledge of Tanner's waste disposal practices:
 - (1) E. Hays Reynolds, former President, 841 South Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, South Carolina 29607, telephone (803) 879-2257 (business) and 232-7875 (residence).
 - (2) John M. Alexander, former Plant Manager, 114
 Salem Court, Greenville, South Carolina 29611,
 telephone (803) 879-2257 (business).
 - (3) Richard A. Ballenger, production worker, 26
 South Poinsett Highway, Travelers Rest, South
 Carolina 29690, telephone (803) 232-3893.
 - B. The following person may have knowledge of business dealings with Ralph C. Medley, et al.: E. Hayes Reynolds (title and address given in 3-A above).

INTERROGATORY

4. Identify the names of all persons who have taken environmental audits of your waste disposal activities; the date(s) of such audit(s); and the location of any audit documents.

ANSWER

4. No environmental audits of Tanner's waste disposal activities have been conducted.

INTERROGATORY

5. Identify the name of person(s) or anyone acting on your behalf who have investigated your prior disposal and/or financial activities with the Medley defendants, Medley Concrete Works, the Medley Farm site and/or the Love Springs site.

ANSWER

- 5. The following persons have investigated Tanner's records of business transactions with the Medleys:
 - A. Mr. Kenneth M. Fisher, Treasurer, 14 Parliament Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29615, telephone (803) 232-3893 (business) and (803) 268-4596 (residence).
 - B. Mr. Burt Godwin, Clemson University student, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

INTERROGATORY

6. For the facilities listed in your response to Interrogatory No. 1 or 2, identify the brand name, chemical identity and individual chemical components relating to products produced, raw

materials used and waste materials produced at these facilities during the years 1973 to 1976.

ANSWER

6. Tanner objects to this interrogatory as being unduly burdensome and oppressive. Tanner has available certain batch records and general accounting records for the years in question which contain information of this nature. In addition, Tanner has compiled a list of raw materials used at its facility during the years 1973-1976 (see Appendix B). Since the burden of a search for additional information would fall equally upon Milliken or Tanner, pursuant to Rule 33(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Tanner will make these files available for review by Milliken's attorneys, provided that such review is scheduled at a mutually acceptable time and place, and upon signing of a protective order to ensure confidentiality.

INTERROGATORY

7. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory No. 1 or 2, identify the name of person(s) who: (1) managed or acted in a supervisory capacity for production and product lines at your facilities during the years 1973 to 1976, and (2) sales personnel of your facility during the years 1973 to 1976.

ANSWER

- 7. (1) John M. Alexander (address given in response 3-A(2)) was Production Supervisor during the years 1973 to 1976.
 - (2) The following persons were employed as salesmen

during the years 1973 to 1976:

- (a) James M. Strausbaugh, 925 Cleveland Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, phone 232-3893 (business);
- (b) William F. Lehr, 17 Trenholm Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29615, phone: 232-3893 (business);
- (c) Ronald G. Jehle, deceased;
- (d) Ray L. Lewis, 214 Sandpiper Way, Greenville, South Carolina 29615, phone: 232-3893 (business); and
- (e) Joseph L. Smith (no longer employed), Route-1, Box 67A, Bekeelie, Florida 33922.

Request for Production

REQUEST

1. All documents identified or requested to be identified in Interrogatory Nos. 1 through 7.

RESPONSE

1. None.

REQUEST

2. For the facilities listed in your response to Interrogatory No. 1 or No. 2, all documents relating to waste disposal activities at the site during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

2. None.

REQUEST

3. For the facilities listed in your Interrogatory No. 1 or

No. 2, all documents relating to waste disposal activities at the Love Springs site during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

3. None.

REQUEST

RESPONSE

4. For the facilities listed in your response to Interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to waste disposal activities with Medley Concrete Works during the years 1973 to 1976.

4. Tanner made one transaction with Medley's Concrete Works on April 16, 1975. Check No. 1991 was paid to Medley's Concrete Works in the amount of \$441.00 (see photocopy attached at Appendix A).

REQUEST

5. For the facilities listed in your response to Interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to waste disposal activities with Piedmont Industrial Services during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

5. None.

REQUEST

6. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to the individual and chemical components of these products made by you during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

6. Tanner objects to this Request as being unduly burdensome and oppressive. Tanner has available certain batch records and general accounting records for some of the years in question which may contain information of this nature (see attached list of available accounting records at Appendix C). See also attached list of raw materials used at Tanner during the years 1973 to 1976 (Appendix B). Since the burden of a search for such documentation would fall equally upon Milliken and Tanner, pursuant to Rule 33(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Tanner will make these files available for review by Milliken's attorneys provided that such review is scheduled at a mutually acceptable time and place, and upon signing of a protective order to ensure confidentiality.

REQUEST

7. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to waste materials and the individual chemical components of these waste materials made, generated or disposed of by you during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

7. Tanner has no record of waste production or disposition thereof.

REQUEST

8. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to raw materials and the individual chemical components of these raw materials used by you

in making products during the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

8. Tanner objects to this Request as being unduly burdensome and oppressive. Tanner has provided a list of raw materials at Appendix B. Additional documentation regarding raw materials may be found in the files referenced in the response to Request for Production No. 6, above. Since the burden of a search for such documentation would fall equally upon Milliken and Tanner, pursuant to Rule 33(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Tanner will make these files available for review by Milliken's attorneys, provided that such review is scheduled at a mutually acceptable time and place, and upon signing of a protective order to ensure confidentiality.

REQUEST

9. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to government notification of your waste activities from 1973 to present. This request includes, but is not limited to, notification to local, state and federal governments, waste authorization forms, and generator waste reports.

RESPONSE

- 9. Tanner has no record of government correspondence relative to government notification of waste activities for the years 1973 to 1976. For subsequent years, the following correspondence is attached at Appendix D:
 - (a) April, 1982 January, 1983 -- Correspondence with

SCDHEC regarding the grant of approval for Tanner to dispose of controlled waste at the Greenville (Blackberry) Landfill.

REQUEST

10. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to environmental audits performed by you or anyone acting on your behalf between 1973 and the present.

RESPONSE

10. None.

REQUEST

11. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to insurance coverage and investigations of you in regard to environmental matters between 1970 and the present.

RESPONSE

11. This information has already been provided. <u>See</u> Tanner's response to question No. 7 of the standard interrogatories adopted by the court.

REQUEST

12. For the facilities listed in your response to interrogatory #1 or #2, all documents relating to financial information on your disposal activities for the years 1973 to 1976.

RESPONSE

12. Tanner has no financial record relative to disposal activities for the years 1973 to 1976.

Dated this 2d day of May, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

OGLETREE, DEAKINS, NASH, SMOAK AND STEWART

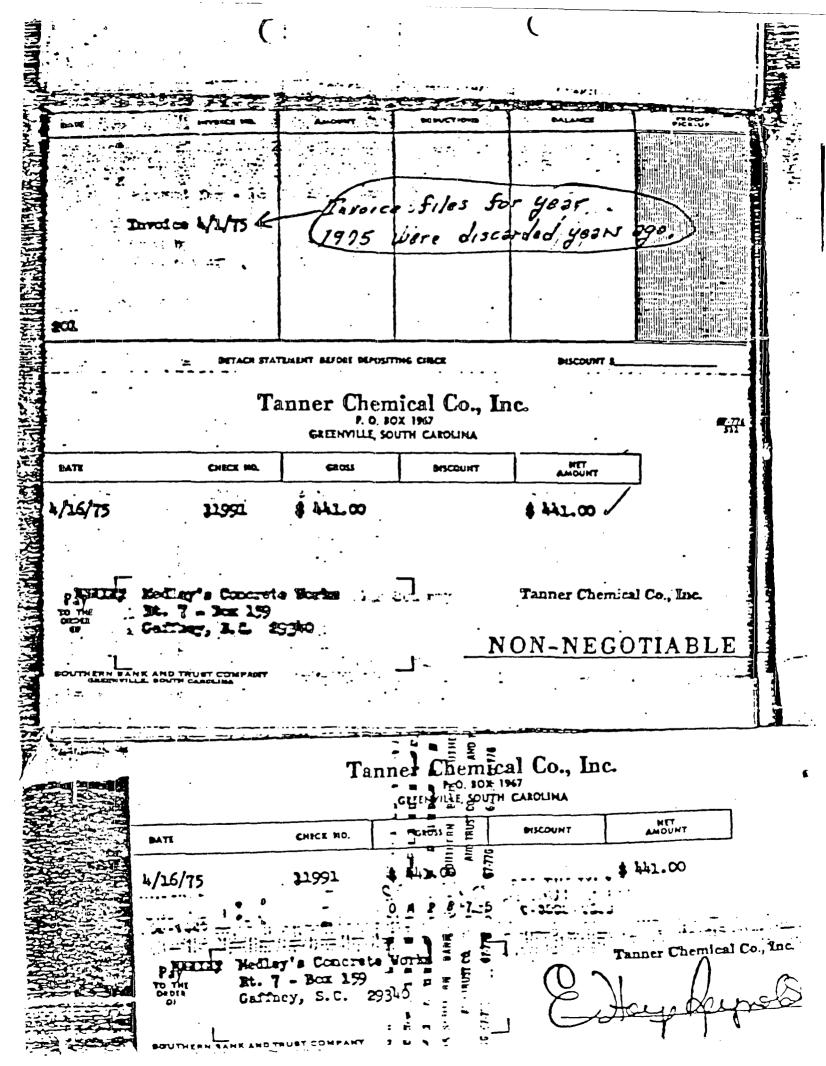
Bv:

Ralph M. Mellom Eric C. Schweitzer

Roger Florio

Attorneys for Tanner Chemical Company, Inc.

One Thousand East North Street Post Office Box 2757 Greenville, South Carolina 29602 (803) 242-1410 ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

Tanner Chemical Co., Inc.

Raw Materials - Years 1973-76

Tint-Aquablak 200/1301 Tint-Burnt Umber Koldex 50 Colloid 585 Colloid 677 Foamaster VF Nopco JMY Nopco NDW PPG1200 RB-8 Airlex 728 A-400/TL40 VAE-A-510 VAE Flexbond 150 PVAC XX210=Vinax PVAC XX220 Vinac Antimony Low tint Calcium Carbonate #10 white Clay B-80 Clay slurry huber 95 Hydrat alum SB 331/Bulk Hydrat alum SB332/Bags Hydrated Alum SB-632 Acetic Acid 84% Proplylene Glycol Surfynol PC Ammonium Hydroxide Amical 48 Borax 5 Mol Boric Acid Granula Caustic potash 90% KOH Stabelite Ester #3 Caustic soda 50% Fumaric Acid Saccharine Stodex Pk90 Sugar Urea Versene powder Nat rubber latex Benzoflex 50 Glycerin Hercolyn D Propylene Glycol Santicizer 148 Santicizer 160 Phosgard C22R/Fyrolcef Dowicide G Formaldehyde 37% Elvace 1875 MM-51	Hexane PVA alcohol 205 PVA alcohol 325 PVA alcohol 350 PVA alcohol 523 PVA alcohol 540 PVA alcohol 125 Stabelite Ester #3 Wing tack 95 Aerosol OT 75% AMP 95 Igepal C0630 Igepal C0687 Modical S Tamol 731 Methanol Methylene Chloride Toluene Starch-Stayco M Starch-Corn/Amaizo 100 Pearl Carbopol 940 Natrosol 250 Tychem 68-700 Tint-Lt Red D-2603 Tint-Yellow-1100 Mgo Eastomag 170 Zinc Oxide #20 Antioxidant 2246 Antioxidant LTDP Super Beckacite Acrysol GS Rubber Solprene 411-P Syn Rubber Neo AD20 Resin RCI 24054 Acetone Hy/Carb Sol Var 24001 Met Ethyl Ketone-MEK Collcid 513 DD PDI Powder-Defoamer
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Finished Goods - Years 1973-76

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ATTACHMENT C

General Accounting Records

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ATTACHMENT D

South Carolina Department of Health JAN 06 1984 and Environmental Control

2600 Bull Street Columbia, S.C. 29201

Commissioner
Robert S. Jackson, M.D.



January 4, 1983

Board

Moses H. Clarkson, Jr., Chairman Leonard W. Douglas, M.D., Vice-Chairman Barbara P. Nuessle, Secretary Gerald A. Kaynard Oren L. Brady, Jr. James A. Spruill, Jr. William H. Hester, M.D.

Mr. James N. Strausbaugh Tanner Chemical Company, Inc. P. O. Box 1967 Greenville, SC 29602

RE: Tanner Chemical Company, Inc., SCD052073715
Greenville County (Blackberry) Landfill Disposal Request, DWP-107
Greenville County

Dear Mr. Strausbaugh:

This office hereby grants approval for disposal of 350 drums one time and 5-8 drums weekly of the waste identified in your December 20, 1983 letter, at the Greenville County (Blackberry) Landfill. Approval is contingent upon the following conditions:

- 1) Prior approval be obtained from the appropriate landfill officials.
- 2) Precautions must be taken to prevent leakage or spillage during transport.
- 3) Disposal is limited to the wastes and amounts described in your December 20, 1983 correspondence.
- 4) The material be covered upon disposal with a suitable soil cover or with refuse which receives a daily soil cover.
- 5) Coordinate the disposal with the District Solid Waste Consultant, Allison Ranson (Telephone 242-9850).
- 6) Any adverse effects to the receiving landfill will nullify this approval.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

J. Rick Grant

Waste Engineering Section
Bureau of Solid and Hazardous
Waste Management

JRG:als

cc: Allison Ranson, Appalachia II Hank Ludwig, County Engineer P. O. BOX 1967

FURMAN HALL COURT

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29602 TELEPHONE (803) 232-3893

December 20, 1983

Mr. Allen McEntire
Bureau of Solids & Hazardous
Waste Management
S. C. DHEC
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. McEntire:

On March 3, 1982 we wrote your office to request permission to discard drums of solid waste at the Blackberry Landfill and on April 27, 1982 permission was granted. (copies enclosed)

We have found that we have generated during this nearly two year period more than we have been able to take to Blackberry and are hereby requesting that we receive permission to take a <u>one time</u> amount of 350 drums (part drums) to Blackberry and that we up the weekly amount to 5-8 drums.

We have had several meetings with Ms. Allison Ranson and Mr. Gilbert Ivie and have shown them what the material is like. I might add they have been most helpful in guiding us and cooperative.

The contents of these drums is mostly Polyvinyl acetate and acrylic emulsions, polyvinyl alcohol, corn starch, and inert fillers (clays, calcium carbonate, etc.). All of the components in these adhesives have been approved for use as ingredients in food packaging adhesives under FDA regulation 175.105 testifying to the non hazardous nature of these products.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Your earliest response would be helpful.

Very truly yours,

TANNER CHEMICAL CO., INC.

James N. Strausbaugh,

President

JNS/ah

cc: A. Ranson (242-9850) G.L. Ivie (277-3813) South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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J. Lorin Mason, Jr., M.D., Chairman Gerald A. Kaynard, Vice-Chairman Leonard W. Douglas, M. D., Secretary Oren L. Brady, Jr. Moses H. Clarkson, Jr. Barbara P. Nuessie James A. Spruill, Jr.

> COMMISSIONER Robert S. Jackson, M.D. 2600 Bull Street Columbia, S.C. 29201

April 27, 1982

J.N. Strausbaugh Tanner Chamical Co., Inc. P.O. Box 1967 Greenville, SC 29602

RE: Disposal of waste at the Blackberry Landfill in Greenville County

Dear Mr. Strausbaugh:

This office hereby grants approval for disposal of your 50-60 drums annually at the rate of 3-5 a week at the Blackberry landfill. Approval is contingent upon the following conditions:

- 1. Prior approval be obtained from the appropriate landfill officials.
- 2. Precautions must be taken to prevent leakage or spillage during transport.
- 3. Disposal is limited to the wastes and amounts described in your March 3, 1982 correspondence.
- 4. The material be covered upon disposal with a suitable soil cover or with refuse which receives a daily soil cover.
- 5. Coordinate the disposal with the district solid waste consultant, Robert Hall (telephone 242-9850).
- 6. Any adverse effects to the receiving landfill will nullify this approval.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Grant

Waste Identification & Evaluation
Bureau of Solid & Hazardous Waste Management

JRG:s

cc: Robert Hall Hank Ludwig то

S.C. Department of

· Health and Environmental

Control

Attn: Robert J. Hall

Tanner Chemical Co., Inc.

P. O. BOX 1967
FURMAN HALL COURT
GREENVILLE, S. C. 29602

SUBJECT: <u>Letter of March 3, 1982</u>

DATE: 4/21/82

o.ºA MESSAGE

Per your telephone conversation of today's date with Rick Ballenger, please find attached a copy of the letter which you requested. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

FROM

PLEASE REPLY TO - SIGNED al

REPLY

DATE

SIGNED

SEAYARG CO., INC., BROOKLYN, M. Y. 11882

THIS COPY FOR PERSON ADDRESSED



P. O. BOX 1987

FURMAN HALL COURT

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29602

TELEPHONE (803) 232-3893

March 3, 1982

Allen Mc Entire

Mr. Jim Ullery
Bureau of Solids & Hazardous
Waste Management
S. C. DHEC
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Ullery:

Upon the advice of Robert Hall, Bureau of Solid & Hazardous Waste Management and Gilbert Ivie, Greenville County Solid Waste Department, who visited our plant this week, we are writing to request permission to dump approximately 50-60 drums of solid waste per year at Blackberry Landfill. We would like to dump approximately 3-5 drums per week.

Contents of these drums are basically water, polyvinyl acetate emulsion, polyvinyl alcohol and corn starch. All the components in these adhesives have been approved for use as ingredients in food packaging adhesives under FDA regulation 175.105 testifying to the non-hazardous nature of these products.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

TANNER CHEMICAL CO., INC.

J. N. Strausbaugh

President

JNS/ah

Copy mailed to Robert Hall at his suggest 4/21/82

VERIFICATION

James N. Strausbaugh, being first duly sworn, on oath states that he is authorized to make this verification on behalf of Tanner Chemical Company, Inc.; that he and other officials of the company have assembled the information necessary to prepare the foregoing answers to third-party plaintiff's interrogatories and request for production; that such information was derived from company records and files, and from discussions with appropriate members of the company's management where necessary; that he has read the foregoing answers to third-party plaintiff's interrogatories and request for production; that the answers are true insofar as they come within his own personal knowledge; and that in the remaining instances he has been informed that the answers are true and on the basis of that information, he believes them to be true.

Yames N. Strausbaugh

Sworn to and subscribed before methis / ot day of May, 1986.

My Commission Expires: 10/28/95